



Blackfen School for Girls

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Latest Guidance

Dear Parents/Carers,

We continue to work closely with the local Public Health team under the national framework of the latest guidance.

The latest guidance for schools has been published today.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

There are 2 key changes that you need to be aware of:

Self-isolation

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation.

Wearing of face coverings

Face coverings help protect the wearer and others against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of COVID-19.

Where students in year 7 (which would be children who were aged 11 on 31 August 2021) and above are educated, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by students, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. This is a temporary measure. Students should also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and dedicated transport to and from school. We do not advise that students and staff wear face coverings in classrooms.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Brown
Head Teacher